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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY FORD, BERRY, ABDUL=SAMAD, McCARTHY,
1 3 H. MILLER, HUNTER, T. TAYLOR, JOCHUM,
1 4 SMITH, WISE, FOEGE, D. TAYLOR, COHOON,
1 5 MURPHY, WHITAKER, MERTZ, REICHERT,
1 6 GASKILL, LYKAM, DANDEKAR, WENDT, BELL,
1 7 BUKTA, FREVERT, HEDDENS, PETTENGILL,
1 8 KRESSIG, LENSING, WINCKLER, STAED,
1 9 MASCHER, REASONER, BAILEY, PALMER,
1 10 HUSER, DAVITT, D. OLSON, OLDSO,
1 11 JACOBY, SCHUELLER, T. OLSON, WENTHE,
1 12 KELLEY, QUIRK, PETERSEN, SHOMSHOR,
1 13 GAYMAN, SWAIM, KUHN, PAULSEN, STRUYK,
1 14 RAECKER, ANDERSON, and RANTS
1 15 A Resolution honoring the National Bar Association
1 16 for over eight decades of service to the cause of
1 17 civil rights and equal justice for all.
1 18 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa played an important role
1 19 in the early civil rights movement when, in 1925, the
1 20 National Bar Association was organized in Des Moines,
1 21 Iowa; and
1 22 WHEREAS, the founding members of the National Bar
1 23 Association were James B. Morris, attorney, editor and
1 24 publisher of the Iowa Bystander; Gertrude Durden Rush,
1 25 first African-American woman attorney in Iowa; Samuel
1 26 J. Brown, first African-American Phi Beta Kappa
1 27 inductee and first African-American graduate of the
1 28 University of Iowa Law School, attorney and founder of
1 29 the Des Moines branch of the National Association for
1 30 the Advancement of Colored People; Charles P. Howard,
2 1 attorney and founder of the National Negro Publishers
2 2 Association; and George H. Woodson, first
2 3 African-American attorney to practice in Iowa, first
2 4 African-American nominated as a candidate for state
2 5 representative to the Iowa General Assembly, and the
2 6 National Bar Association's first president; and
2 7 WHEREAS, at that time 120 African-American
2 8 attorneys were members of the organization, at a time
2 9 when there were fewer than 1,000 African-American
2 10 attorneys in the nation; and
2 11 WHEREAS, from those early years the National Bar
2 12 Association has grown to 84 affiliate chapters in the
2 13 United States, with affiliates in several countries,
2 14 representing a professional network of over 40,000
2 15 lawyers, judges, educators, and law students; and
2 16 WHEREAS, the credo of the National Bar Association
2 17 is to advance the science of jurisprudence; improve
2 18 the administration of justice; preserve the
2 19 independence of the judiciary and to uphold the honor
2 20 and integrity of the legal profession; to promote
2 21 professional and social intercourse among the members
2 22 of the American and the international bars; to promote
2 23 legislation that will improve the economic condition
2 24 of all American citizens, regardless of race, sex or
2 25 creed in their efforts to secure a free and
2 26 untrammelled use of the franchise guaranteed by the
2 27 Constitution of the United States; and to protect the
2 28 civil and political rights of the citizens and
2 29 residents of the United States; and
2 30 WHEREAS, the National Bar Association is the
3 1 nation's oldest and largest national association
3 2 representing African-American lawyers and jurists; and
3 3 WHEREAS, for over 80 years the National Bar
3 4 Association has led the fight in defense of the rights
3 5 of African-Americans and poor people everywhere,
3 6 supporting civil rights, the pro bono legal movement,
3 7 providing legal assistance to needy individuals, and
3 8 supporting equal opportunity and voting rights; and
3 9 WHEREAS, in August 2006, Mr. Linnes Finney, Jr. was
3 10 inaugurated as the 64th President of the National Bar
3 11 Association, capping a distinguished legal career as a

3 12 litigator, arbitrator, and public speaker; and
3 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Finney, Jr., together with Drake
3 14 University Law School Dean David Walker, will on
3 15 February 1, 2007, bestow to the Drake University Law
3 16 School the papers of the National Bar Association, for
3 17 archival and research purposes; NOW THEREFORE,
3 18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
3 19 That the House of Representatives honors the National
3 20 Bar Association for its commitment to the cause of
3 21 civil rights and equal justice and for over eight
3 22 decades of tireless work for African-Americans, the
3 23 poor, and the disenfranchised in this country and
3 24 around the world.
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